

**Milne-Kelvin Grove School District 91**  
**Lockport, IL**  
**March 31, 2008**  
*Amended August 12, 2008*

The Board of Education of Milne-Kelvin Grove, District #91, Will County, Illinois met in a special session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2008. This meeting was held in the library at Kelvin Grove School.

President Marge Otis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pete Vasiliades, Gene Trent, Marge Otis and Adam Woodworth.

Members arriving late: Mary Ann Murphy at 7:03 p.m., Ann Lopez-Caneva at 7:05 p.m., Jeff Howell at 7:08 p.m.

*Members Absent: none*

Also present were Donna Gray, building principals, several teachers, staff and community members.

Discussion Item- IESA membership.

Mrs. Gray presented items which were discussed earlier at a meeting with the coaches regarding membership for our athletic teams in IESA. Currently our teams participate in the Little Seven Conference, some non-conference games or tournaments and the State IESA Tourney.

Some of the concerns presented for each sport were:

Track- The track coaches explained that our track program here is basically something for the students to do. We do not have try-outs. We don't have an actual track facility, which is fine for our conference activities, but the teams we would be competing against at the IESA tournament are all larger schools and most have actual track facilities and also have cross-country programs. The IESA tourney also extends the season by at least a week and a half. The track program would prefer to not be IESA.

Boys Basketball- Both coaches expressed that they felt the IESA experience was of benefit for the athletes. The regional games were held closer. Last year, the students had an hour of travel during the week. Mr. MacFarlane stated that their season felt long because of many losses, but the experience overall was positive.

Girls Basketball- Expressed concern regarding travel during the week for IESA regionals/sectionals. This year was better than last. Would like to have some support/school spirit for teams going to IESA State tourney. Would like to see us host some events, but without an AD it makes it hard.

Softball- coach expressed that the season was very positive.

Baseball- Very positive experience.

Cheerleading- Always a very positive experience at IESA. We don't have many competitions that are reasonable financially and gives us good competition. The IESA competition prepares the kids for the IHSA experience.

The board has agreed that they need to set expectations for the teams and coaches, and to establish a policy for our teams in regard to IESA membership. The board feels that we

have a tradition and an expectation to be competitive in our athletic program and would like to see that continue.

Invitation extended to address the Board- Bret Kooi, 1209 Runyan Drive addressed the board. He stated that the District needs to give consideration for our veteran coaches in their coaching abilities and decisions. He also stated that the girls volleyball did not have any support from the District in their State matches this year. The girls played south of Decatur. He also expressed that our District makes sure our kids have the best teachers, and we should also make sure they have the opportunity to have the best coaches, even if we have to go outside of our staff.

Sharon McCartan-Bruemmer, 1218 Will Drive, also addressed the Board. She stated that our sports program is a competitive program as opposed to an intramural atmosphere. She feels that it is important for the students to also learn that we can't always win. We may not always have a chance to play. These are things that our students have to learn to deal with. She would like to see the Board adopt a policy which governs the philosophy of our program, not to micromanage the coaches. She feels we need to be supportive of our coaches and hence the student-athlete.

President Otis asked for a motion to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. Motion made by Woodworth, seconded by Vasiliades.

Closed Session-

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Roll call as follows: Ayes: Vasiliades, Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy, Otis, Woodworth, and Howell.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Closed Session called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Otis.

Roll Call for Closed Session as follows:

Members Present: Woodworth, Otis, Vasiliades, Howell, Trent, Lopez-Caneva, Murphy.

Motion made by Vasiliades, seconded by Woodworth to come out of closed session and adjourn the meeting.

All members in favor.

Nays: none

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board

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President of School Board